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TWO LEBANON MEN INDICTED FOR DISTRIBUTING COCAINE

LOUISVILLE, KY - A federal grand jury in Louisville returned an indictment against **John Renfro**, age 37, and **Chester Shipp**, age 47, both of Lebanon, Kentucky, in Marion County, on charges of conspiracy, possession of cocaine, and possession with the intent to distribute and distribution of cocaine, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky announced today. Shipp is also being charged with possession with the intent to distribute and distribution of crack cocaine.

The Indictment alleges the following: that beginning in or about March 2005, and continuing to in or about October, 2006, in Marion County, Kentucky, and elsewhere, Renfro and Shipp conspired with each other and others to knowingly and intentionally distribute and possess with the intent to distribute cocaine; that on or about March 22, 2005, October 11 and October 18, 2006, Renfro and Shipp knowingly and intentionally possessed with the intent to distribute and distributed cocaine; that on or about May 31, 2005, Renfro and Shipp knowingly and intentionally possessed with the intent to distribute cocaine; that on or about March 19 and April 15, 2005, Renfro knowingly and intentionally possessed with the intent to distribute and distributed cocaine; that on or about March 4, 2005, May 26, June 15, June 20, and August 29, 2006, Shipp knowingly and intentionally possessed with the intent to distribute and distributed cocaine; and that on or about September 6 and September 7, 2006, Shipp knowingly and

intentionally possessed with the intent to distribute and distributed crack cocaine. The street value of cocaine in the Louisville area is approximately \$100 per gram.

In the event of a conviction, the maximum potential penalties for Shipp are life imprisonment, a \$24,000,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of no less than 8 years. The maximum potential penalties for Renfro are 210 years imprisonment, a \$14,000,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of no less than 6 years.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Larry Fentress, and it was investigated by the Lebanon Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Renfro and Shipp are scheduled to appear for arraignment before the United States Magistrate Judge on August 21, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., in Louisville, Kentucky.

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The indictment of a person by a Grand Jury is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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